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5. [Redacted] LIAISON Called Professor G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, House Select Committee on Assassinations, and discussed the procedures for the Agency's handling of Privacy Act requests from several present and former staff members of the Committee which have been in process within the Agency for several months. It was agreed that CIA would provide requesters with copies of any CIA originated documents and at Blakey's request, we will refer requesters to the Committee for any documents to CIA originated by the Committee. In all cases, the only documents in Agency files concern security processing correspondence and investigative reports initiated by the Committee for staff employment. IPS was advised.

I raised with Blakey the Agency's letter to the Committee concerning the necessity for the Agency to resume the normal destruction of documents. I had not been able to raise this with Blakey previously due to his extended absence. Blakey confirmed his position that any resumption of destruction of documents while the Committee's investigation with CIA is still active will be seriously misconstrued, and would prompt attacks against both the Committee and CIA that perhaps documents were destroyed relevant to the investigation as a cover-up. Blakey said that Chairman Louis Stokes (D., Ohio) shares this view and a letter from the Chairman will be sent to the Agency tomorrow. I urged that Blakey meet with our Records Management people and that hopefully some solution to ease the administrative burden on the Agency could be worked out. He was agreeable to such a meeting at any time.

I informed Blakey that the researchers notes on CIA documents to be used by Committee staff in the conduct of their hearings of former Agency employees in executive session were being couriered to the Committee this evening. I confirmed with Blakey that all such notes provided are for loan and use during the hearings and are to be immediately returned thereafter in accordance with the agreement made at the 7 April meeting with DDO representatives.

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